

Lately I have been very dismayed by the poor news coverage of national, global and of (some) local events. What has been reported with frightening unity has all too often proven to be false information within a day or two given little to no clarification or retraction of said stories. Tens of millions of taxpayer dollars and a lot of human heartache could have and should have been saved by the news media doing their jobs. Instead all major networks and some cable networks chose to report the exact same things with the exact same tone, and while the faces and the voices of the journalists reporting were different I have even seen the same 'ordinary man' in Podunk Anywhere interviewed about the same topic by different networks.

Relaxing the media ownership rules only guarantees more of the same. For the continued health of our free society, that cannot be allowed to happen. There is too much at stake here.

I am a Christian woman who has been dilligently seeking the truth - whatever it may be. Please don't make it any harder than it already is!

In other words, if you believe that we have been getting an accurate or at least balanced view of the *news* [an extremely important function of the media], then you must also believe that Saddam Hussein also got 100% of the vote in the last election.

Sincerely,

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